

# THE FORT WAYNE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL


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“THE ENTRANCE OF THY  
WORD GIVETH LIGHT.”



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# The Fort Wayne Bible Training School



Fort Wayne, Indiana.



“Thy Word have I hid in my heart.”

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MAIN ENTRANCE





## Calendar

First Term begins third Wednesday in September.

First term ends at Christmas season.

Christmas seasons vary from year to year. They are from eight to ten days in length.

Second term begins after Christmas season,

Second term ends third Wednesday in May.

Commencement exercises, Thursday following close of spring term.

Students may enter the School at any time, but it will be much to their advantage in every way to come at the beginning of the school year and remain throughout, as it is more difficult to take up a subject when the class has advanced in it than at the beginning.

## The Object

The purpose of the school is three-fold. It is an institution designed to give instruction in the Word, to deepen the spiritual life, and to train for practical Christian service.

The constant endeavor is to prepare and equip as speedily as is practicable those who might be called "Eleventh Hour Laborers" in order to meet the Gospel emergency of these closing days of the present age. It aims to teach and train those whom the Lord calls to become pastors, evangelists, missionaries at home or in foreign lands, Sunday School workers, Bible teachers,—in general, all who would engage in any form of Christian work. Some of our most efficient workers have come from the ranks of those who could not for want of time or means pursue an elaborate course of study, but who have received invaluable help from a short, simple yet thorough course of Bible teaching and Christian training.

There is also a class of Christians who do not expect to enter upon any public service for the Lord, but who desire a systematic knowledge of the Bible to enable them to apply the rules of interpretation for themselves and so unlock the inexhaustable treasures of the Word. Parents could not enrich and enoble their children in any better or surer way than by giving them a course in such a school. Any young person with an ambition to live an established and fruitful Christian life is certain to come short of God's will apart from a thorough knowledge of the Bible. Even in view of one's personal benefit its value cannot be overestimated; while those who have themselves been watered, become in turn channels to water the surrounding multitudes of weary and thirsty ones.

## For Whom Intended.

The school is interdenominational and non-sectarian in its spirit, aim and purpose. It is governed by a Board on which are represented several church bodies in both the United States and Canada. It therefore not only welcomes students of any evangelical creed, but affords a congenial atmosphere for all who enter. Various branches of the Christian Church are represented on the Faculty. In its teaching the emphasis is always placed on the great fundamentals of faith and practice, and all phases of truth are presented in their Christo-centric relation.

A good Christian character is an important requirement for admission. Reformation is not the object of the school, and no one will be permitted to remain who is under the control of habits or tendencies that in their influences are detrimental to the moral or social welfare of the students.

To have a purpose in life is considered essential. None should apply who lack the spirit of diligence in giving themselves to patient, persevering study. It is not necessary that the field of future labor should be known to the applicant, or that the line of one's work in the Master's vineyard should be clear; but there should be a spirit of consecration to the Lord and a desire and determination that God may make the most of one's life.

A willingness to subscribe to all the rules and regulations of the Home is also required, so that the full blessing of God may be enjoyed by the whole school.

### The Location.

The school is situated in the south-west part of the City of Fort Wayne, having the growing city on one side and a beautiful landscape on the other. The building stands in the midst of a beautiful grove of native trees. The place is untouched by soot from the factories, and undisturbed from the din that comes from railroads and the busy marts



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of trade. Almost without exception do visiting friends feel impressed with the peculiar advantages of the site, affording, as it does, a most desirable place for study, communion and outdoor exercise, completely separated from the city with its undesirable influences and effects, yet within easy reach of all its facilities for business and opportunities for Christian service.



To reach the school from the stations of the numerous steam and interurban railways that enter Fort Wayne take a South Wayne electric car, and ride to the end of the line, when the building will be seen on the right.

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### The Building.

The building is a two story brick structure, with basement, conveniently arranged throughout and equipped with all modern improvements. It was especially planned and built for the purpose which, from the beginning it has served so well. Steam heat and electric light provide comfort and service. A simple but efficient system of ventilation supplies an abundance of pure fresh air to each room. A number of bathrooms conveniently located in different parts of the house provide the necessary sanitation; and hot water baths may be had at stated hours each day.

Each room is amply large for two students, has a good-sized closet, and is supplied with single or double beds and all other necessary furniture. Trunks are not kept in the rooms but are stored in the basement, where the students have access to them at any time.

The house contains several separate apartments, one for ladies, another for men, and a third for married students. In addition to the central entrance, corridor and stairways there are separate entrances and stairways for the ladies and men at their respective ends of the building. By this arrangement the large family housed under one roof is kept from being crowded in any part, and publicity is largely avoided.

### The Devotional Life.

Head and heart education must go hand in hand, for each requires the other. The development of the spiritual life of the student is, therefore, considered of equal importance with his increase in knowledge. This need is met by the spiritual atmosphere of the Home, together with the student's personal study of the scriptures and his private prayer life.



SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

All students are expected to attend morning and evening worship. These services are conducted as nearly as possible on the order of family devotions. God is worshipped, instruction and exhortation is given from the Word, comments are made by different ones, experiences are related, answered prayers reported, notes of praise offered, spiritual songs sung, and requests for prayer unitedly presented to God. Such exercises, together with the whole-



some influence of fellowship with many other consecrated young lives, are owned and blessed of God in fostering growth in grace and in deepening the Christian life. It is therefore not surprising that after leaving school many students bear glad testimony to the effect that their lives have been completely changed by its influence.

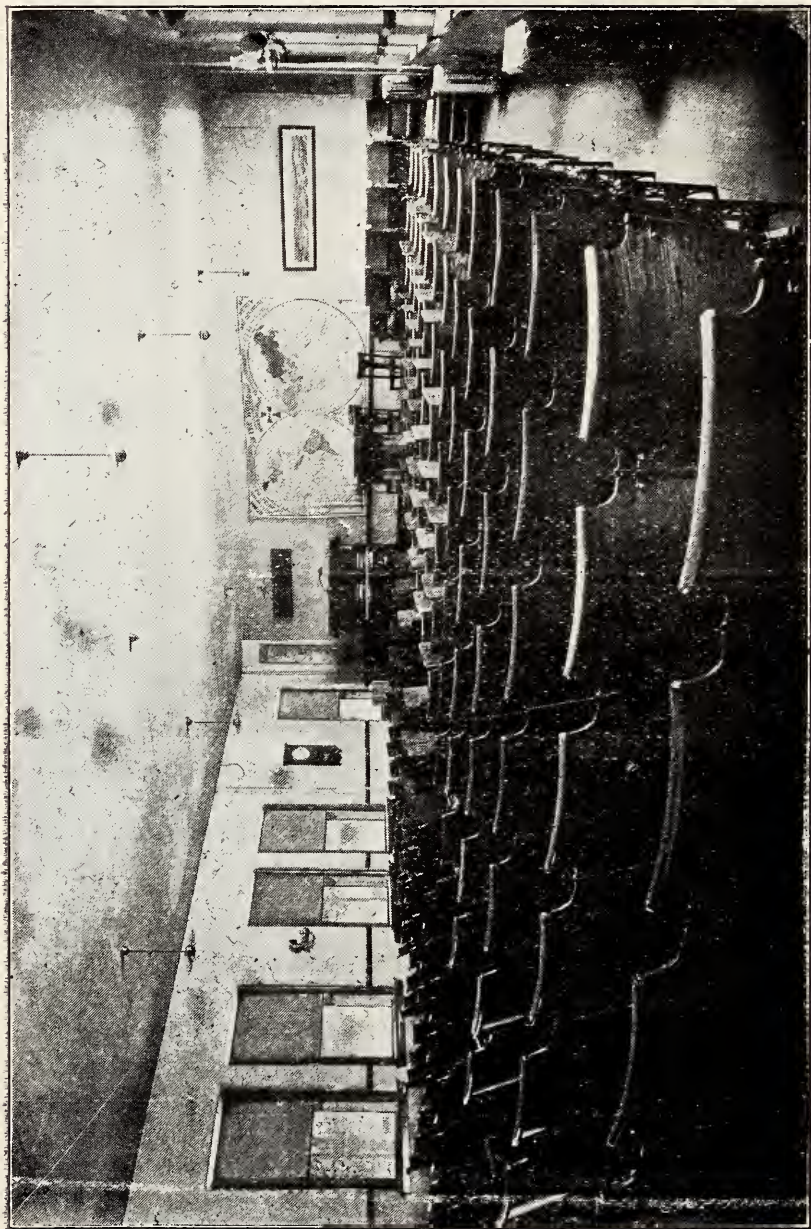
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### Expenses.

The rate of board is \$3.75 per week, including room, heat, light and tuition. Each student is required, in addition, to put in an average of about one hour each day assisting in the work of the household. Personal laundry, not exceeding twelve pieces for each student is done in the house at a rate of 25c per week. Additional charges for extra pieces at regular laundry prices. Sheets, towels, etc. are laundered free of charge. Text books and supplies are furnished at the lowest rates possible. Other personal expenses need not amount to much, as students are advised to be economical and not spend any money unnecessarily. Students living outside the school are charged for their tuition at the rate of 75c per week.

Students are expected to bring a pair of blankets, comforter, bed spread, pillow, and changes of sheets, pillowslips, towels and napkins, all plainly marked with the owner's name in indellible ink. Rugs, window curtains, dresser and table scarfs, pictures, etc., to make the room homelike are also desirable.

Board should be paid mon'ly in advance as far as possible. Bank checks and drafts, and Post Office and Express Money Orders as well as United States currency will be received in payment. A limited number of students can be allowed to work for part of their expenses, by assisting in the housework. Those desiring such assistance should communicate with the Superintendent as early as possible.



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## Courses of Study.

The work of the School is classified under four departments, viz: Bible, History, Language and Homiletics, and Music. Each department is under the direction of a member of the Faculty, who in turn is responsible to the Principal for the conduct of his department. This arrangement makes possible a unity in the work of the various classes that would be difficult of attainment without such detailed oversight, and means the highest possible efficiency in the work of the school.

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### Department of Bible.

**BIBLE DOCTRINE.** The great doctrines of the Bible are brought together and studied under the following heads: God, Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit, Man, Salvation, The Church, The Scriptures, Angels, Satan, and The Last Things.

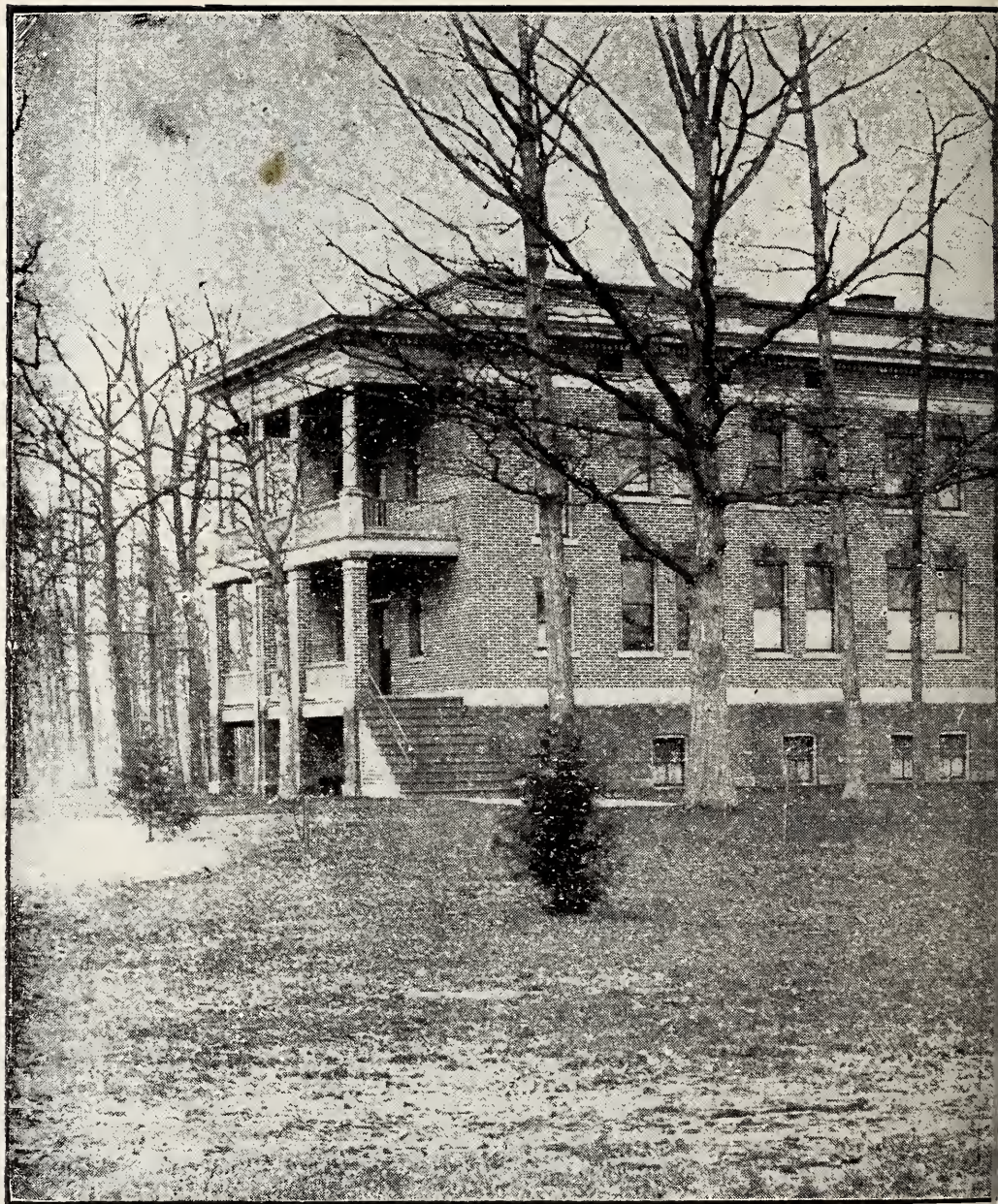
**EXPOSITION.** Detailed study of the Bible. The object is not only to instruct the student in the contents of the Word but to teach him the principles of exegesis so that he will be in a position to rightly divide the Word of Truth for himself.

**TYPOLOGY.** Explains the types of the Pentateuch clearly, special emphasis being laid on the application of the truth to the individual life.

**SYNTHETIC BIBLE.** A rapid survey of the entire Bible in a single year. The objects are to get the student familiar with the Book, able to turn readily to anything he may wish to find in it, and to give him a clear idea of the purpose and unity of the Scriptures. An invaluable course for beginners.

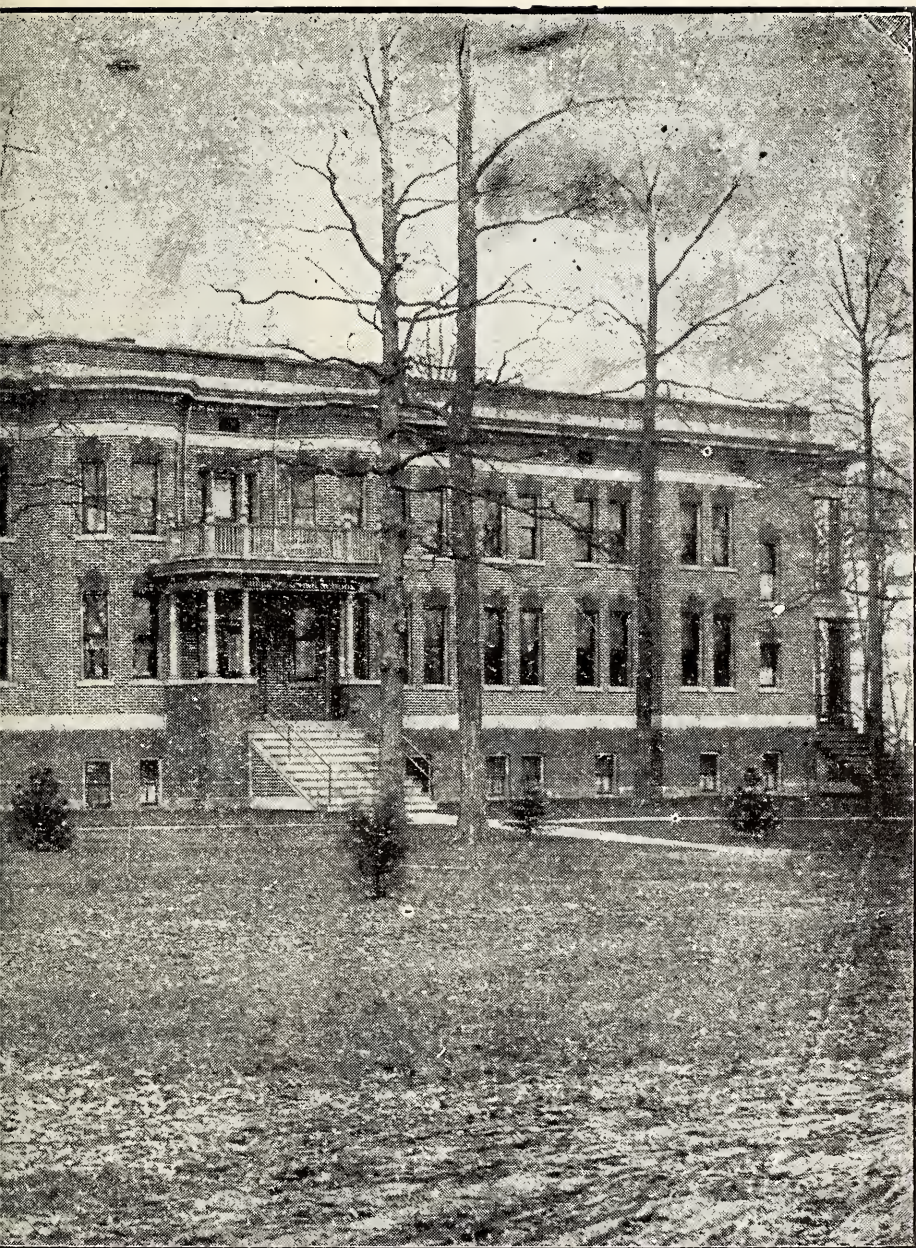
**CHRISTIAN WORK.** Practical instruction in the problems of pastoral and personal work.





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## Department of History.

**BIBLE HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY.** Thorough instruction in this important subject, without which much of the Old Testament is an enigma.

**DISPENSATIONS.** Much of the error in the Church today is the result of failure to recognize God's different methods of dealing with mankind at different periods of the world's history. These great outlines of the plan of God are made clear in this course.

**CHURCH HISTORY.** The story of Christianity from its founding to the present time. Emphasis is laid on the small bodies of saints who dared to disagree with prevalent notions and so have assisted in keeping alive the true faith in all ages.

**GENERAL HISTORY.** Since prophecy is but God's history written before the events took place we can best learn the principles of its interpretation by observing that part already fulfilled. To do this a knowledge of the history of the world is essential. God's place in all the world's events is constantly kept in view.

**HISTORY OF MISSIONS.** The story of the victories of the vanguard of the Church militant. He who is out of touch with missions is out of touch with the real heart of God.



## Department of Language and Homiletics.

The importance to the Christian worker of a thorough knowledge of English cannot be over-estimated. God's revelation comes to us through language, and if our knowledge of the medium be faulty our grasp of revealed truth can hardly fail to be otherwise. Again, our ability to pass the truth on to others is limited by our powers of expression. Hence much stress is laid upon a thorough mastery of our mother tongue.

**HOMILETICS.** Careful instructions in the preparations of sermons.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING.** Platform work, especially the delivery of sermons and other addresses.

**RHETORIC.** Thorough instruction in the principles and practice of composition.

**READING.** The fundamental principles of elocution, including tone placing, articulation, inflection, emphasis, gesture etc.

**GRAMMAR AND ORTHOGRAPHY.** Elementary and advanced instruction in the fundamentals of correct speaking and writing.

**GERMAN.** In many of our communities a worker with a knowledge of German has a distinct advantage. Our two years course is designed primarily to give to those who already have a knowledge of the language facility in its use. The first year is spent largely on grammar and vocabulary, with drill in sentence construction, the second on composition and literature.

**NEW TESTAMENT GREEK.** Greek was the Lord's choice when He sought a language in which to embody His highest revelation to mankind. While not essential, its possession is a valuable addition to the Christian worker's equipment. Our first year is spent on grammar and vocabulary, the second on syntax and exegesis of the New Testament.

## **Department of Music.**

The importance of music as a medium for the propagation of the Gospel cannot easily be over-estimated. But because of its power of appeal to the human heart it is also a ready tool of Satan. Hence, while as Christians we may not neglect it, there is great need that its use be kept free from worldliness, and devoted, as God intended it should be, wholly to his service. The School realizes both the necessities and dangers of the subject; and great care is taken not only to cultivate in the students an appreciation of the best in music, but also to impress on them the sacredness of the gift entrusted to them. Hence, while facilities are provided whereby any student may obtain as advanced teaching as is desired, the general trend of all the teaching is to fit each one to sing or play in such a manner as best to carry the Gospel message. To interpret a simple Gospel hymn so that its message will live is the standard held before each student of the department.

Class instruction is given in the following subjects:

**NOTATION.** The fundamentals of music. The elementary class studies the symbols, and the structure of the major keys; the advanced class takes up the chromatic scales, accidentals, intervals and the minor keys.

**SIGHT READING.** Aiming at the ability to read Gospel music at sight.

**CONDUCTING.** Careful training in precentorship.

**GENERAL CHORUS.** Application of principles mastered in the other classes.

**HARMONY.** Graded to the needs of the students from elementary to advanced.

**TECHNIC.** Class drill in time tapping, ear training, transposition, etc. Specially for the instrumental pupils.

Voice culture is given in private, and includes tone production, tone placement, care and use of the voice, breathing, phrasing and interpretation.

Piano instruction is also private, and includes all grades from beginners to the most advanced. Emphasis is laid on correct touch, time, technic, use of pedal, and interpretation. Advanced students are required to transpose at sight and accompany familiar hymns from memory in any key in which they may be started. The objective point always before the department is good hymn playing.



STUDENT'S ROOM

The school orchestra has a regular place in the department, and affords invaluable training for those who play, as well as pleasure for those who hear. All students who play stringed or other suitable instruments are invited to join.

Students are required to take two classes a week in music. Additional work is elective. Instrumental pupils take technic in addition to their other requirements. All classes are free except harmony, for which a fee of \$3 for a term of twelve lessons is charged. Private lessons to regularly enrolled students are at the uniform rate of 50c per half hour lesson. A higher rate is charged for those who are not regularly enrolled. Practice instruments are provided at a low rental.

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### Practical Christian Service.

The city and surrounding country afford many opportunities for students to engage in Christian work and so learn to put in practice the principles which they learn. Such service is always under the direction of the Faculty, and whenever possible some member of that body is present to assist by advice and example.

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### The Graduate Course.

The graduate course consists of two full years work of eight months each. Requirements for matriculation are a good working knowledge of English and general familiarity with the Bible. Students who fail to matriculate are required to take preparatory work.

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### Preparatory Year.

Synthetic Bible	4 periods weekly
Grammar	3
Orthography	3
Bible History and Geo.	2
Music	2

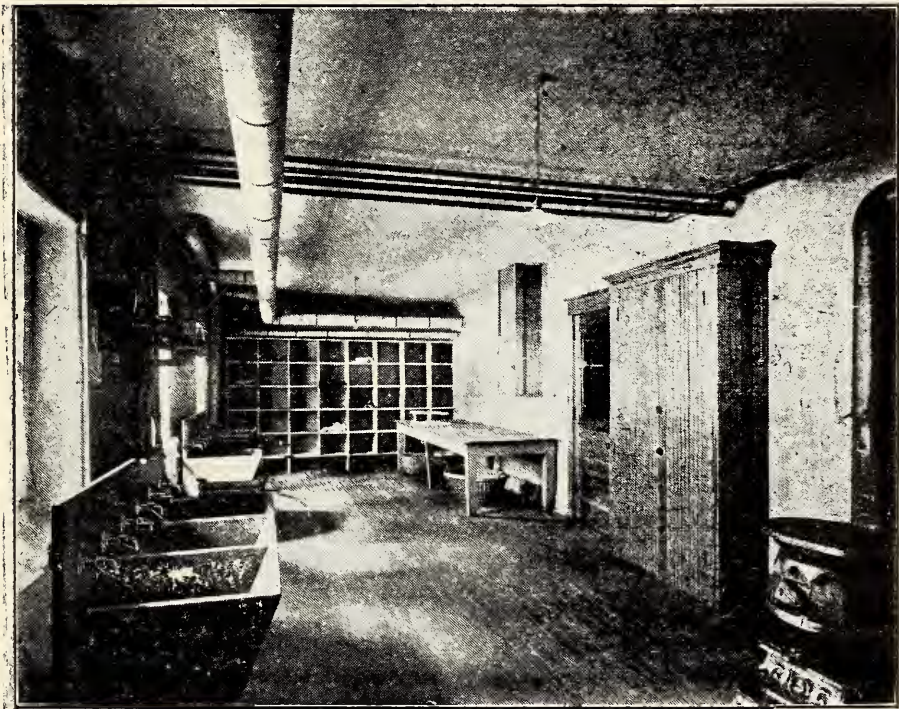
Electives; Exposition, Typology. German, Greek, Music, Reading.



### First Biblical Year.

Exposition	4 periods weekly
Doctrine	2
Typology	1
Rhetoric	2
Reading	1
General History	2
Music	2

Electives; Grammar, Orthography, German, Greek, Music, Bible History and Geography.



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### Second Biblical Year.

Exposition	4 periods weekly
Doctrine	2
Dispensations, 1st term	

## Christian Work, 2nd term

1

## Homiletics

2

## Public Speaking

1

## Church History

1

## History of Missions

1

## Music

2

Electives; Synthetic Bible, German, Greek, Music.

A minimum of fourteen class periods per week is required of each student for graduation. Seventeen hours outside of private work is the maximum permitted.

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### Elective Course,

There are a few who, from lack of time or other causes, are unable to take the full graduate course, and who yet desire to avail themselves of the instruction afforded by the school. Such persons are allowed to elect from the curriculum such subjects as in the opinion of the Principal are best suited to their requirements. A certificate showing the work done is awarded to them on leaving. A like certificate may be obtained by any student who is unable to complete the full graduate course.

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### Information and Correspondence.

Information of any kind is always cheerfully given on request. Catalogs are mailed free to any who desire them. Applications for admission will receive prayerful attention. Use the regular application blank whenever possible. If you do not have one write for it and it will be sent at once. Satisfactory arrangements should always be made with the Superintendent before coming to the School as a student. Visitors are welcome at any time.

Address all correspondence, inquiries, applications, etc., to REV. C. W. OYER, Bible Training School, Fort Wayne, Ind.



## Regulations of the Home

6:00 A. M. Rising Bell.

6:45 A. M. Breakfast.

7:15 A. M. Worship in Chapel.

12:15 P. M. Dinner.

5:45 P. M. Supper, followed by Evening Worship in the Dining Room.

10:00 P. M. Retiring Bell. All lights out.

School sessions and study hours, 9:30-11:45, 2:00-4:15, and 8:00-9:00, during which time all students are required to be in their rooms except when attending classes or excused for work by special arrangement.

7 to 8 P. M. is the Quiet Hour, when all must be in their rooms. It is urged that this hour be spent in private devotional reading or in prayer.

1. One bell is sounded 5 minutes before class periods as a warning signal; 2 bells at two minutes before the hour for dismissal of preceeding class and assembling of new, and 3 bells on the hour for opening the recitation. One warning bell 5 minutes before meals, and two on the hour. One long ring at seven o'clock marks the opening of the Quiet Hour.

2. Rooms and beds should be well aired every morning. Students are expected to keep their own rooms in order and to clean them thoroughly every week.

3. All students are requested to take daily exercise in the open air.

4. No visiting in rooms is allowed except between the five minute bells before meals and between 4:15 and supper time. From Saturday noon to Monday noon this rule is suspended.

5. Conversation in the halls must be avoided.

6. Ladies and gentlemen are not permitted to visit



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each other or to go out together while attending the school.

7. Callers must be received in the reception room, and must not be taken to the student's room.

8. No one, except those whose appointed work requires it, is allowed to go to the kitchen, laundry, furnace room, or store rooms without permission. This rule does not include the places where trunks are stored.

9. Do not engage in conversation with those who are working.

10. Students are not expected to be away over night or for meals without permission.

11. All articles intended for the laundry should be plainly marked with owners full name in indellible ink.

12. Always turn out lights when leaving room, and do not burn them when unnecessary. Be thoughtful not to spot the floor or furniture with ink. Put nothing but water in slop jar to avoid clogging the sewer. Do not throw anything out of the windows.

13. Books, periodicals or other literature must not be sold or distributed in the school without the approval of those in authority.

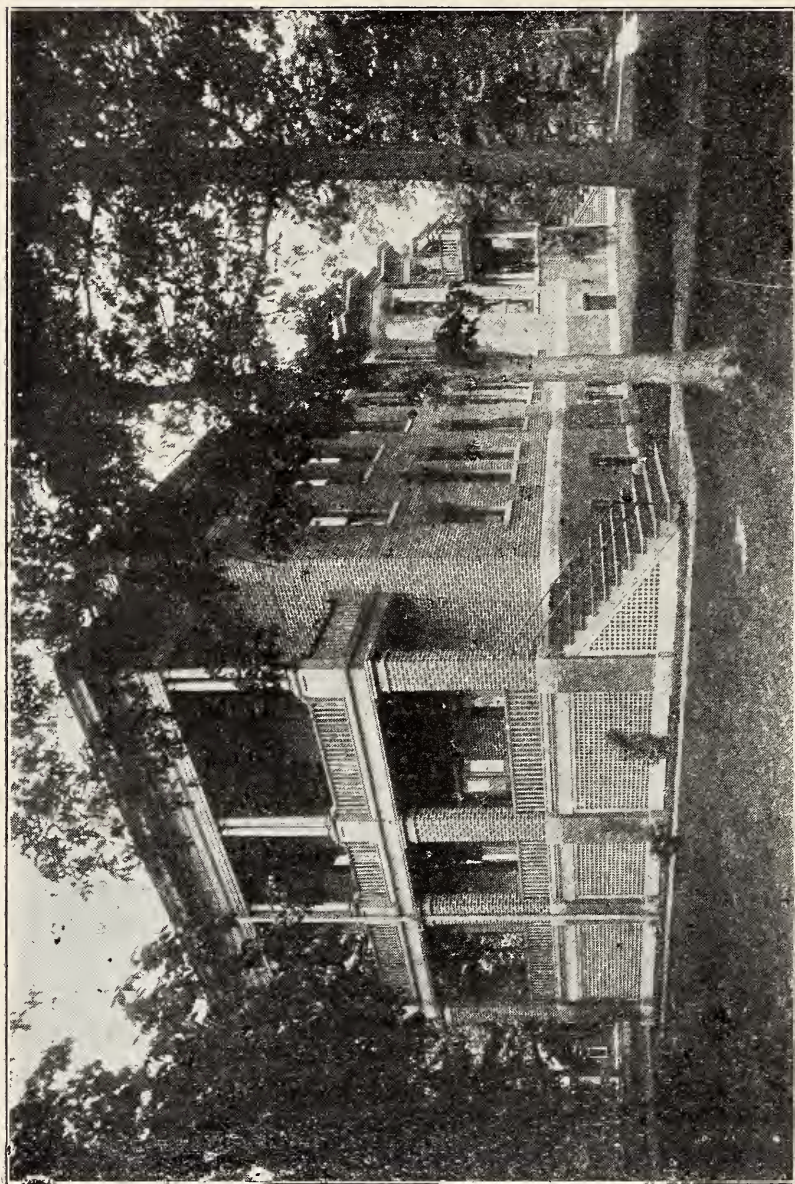
14. Nails, tacks or pins must not be put in the walls. Use picture mould. Carpets, etc. must not be tacked to the floors.

15. Applications for holding meetings, teaching Sunday School classes, etc., should not be accepted by students without conference with the Principal.

16. Any need, sickness, disorder, etc., should be promptly reported to the management. Gentlemen students are expected to come freely for direction, counsel or prayer to the principal, and lady students to the superintendent of the ladies department.

“Whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”





LADIES' ENTRANCE

## Officers

REV. J. E. RAMSEYER, President  
Rev. H. C. Thiessen, Principal  
REV. C. W. OYER, Superintendent  
MR. B. P. LUGIBIHL, Business Manager  
MRS. B. P. LUGIBIHL, Supt. of Ladies

## Staff of Teachers

REV. H. C. THIESSEN, Principal. Head of Dept. of Bible Doctrin, Bible Exposition, History of Missions, Public Speaking.

REV. J. E. RAMSEYER, President. Deeper Christian Life and Evangelistic Work.

REV. C. W. OYER. Head of Dept. of History, Bible Exposition, Dispensational Studies, Bible History and Geography, Practical Work.

REV. JAMES H. ALLEN. Head of Dept. of Language and Homiletics, Synthetic Bible, New Testament Greek.

Rev. R. C. STEINHOFF. Bible Exposition, Typology.

MRS. C. W. OYER. Church History.

MR. C. A. GERBERS. Vocal Music.

MISS M. E. QUAIFFE. Instrumental Music.

MISS IDA C. ROGERS. English, Expression, General History.

MR. A. J. HARMS. English, German.

## School Board

REV. J. E. RAMSEYER  
REV. C. W. OYER  
REV. J. D. WILLIAMS  
REV. S. S. GERIG  
REV. A. E. WITMER  
REV. H. C. THIESSEN  
REV. A. W. HOFFE  
REV. P. W. PHILPOTT  
REV. B. F. LEIGHTNER.

**Special Lecturers**

REV. J. D. WILLIAMS

REV. A. W. HOFFE

REV. PAUL RADER

MRS. J. D. WILLIAMS

REV. P. W. PHILPOTT

REV. R. C. STEINHOFF

With other Bible Teachers and Missionaries from  
time to time.











